THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure complete autonomy has been given to the State Governments. A State level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State is empowered to decide on all matters connected with the financing of relief expenditure including norms of assistance for providing relief to the people affected by natural calamities.

(b) Ministry of Textiles has taken following measures to improve the conditions of handloom weavers.

(i) National Handloom Development Corporation has been asked to augment yarn supply to State agencies and to open yarn depots in areas of weavers concentration.

(ii) Directions have been issued to National Textiles Corporation to increase production of Yarn. NTC has also been advised to set up depots and sell yarn and to give due publicity to stocks and prices of yarn available.

(iii) Directions have also been issued to Textile Commissioners to check the reports of hoarding by yarn dealers.

(iv) A ban has been imposed on export of cotton yarn in view of the crisis in internal market.

In addition to the above, Ministry of Textiles has sent a detailed letter to the Chief Ministers of States indicating the following points for specific action:—

(i) Creation of a regular high-level monitoring mechanism at the State Headquarters to review regularly the prices, production and distribution of yarn.

(ii) State level handloom agencies to step up yarn supplies and to open yarn depots in areas of shortages.

(iii) Spinning mills in the cooperative/State Sector to bring about a sobering influence in the yarn market and to curb their tendency to [illegible] with the market.

(iv) District Collectors to intensify checking of yarn dealers in the district who are obliged to maintain records of their stock and the prevailing prices.

1486. [*Transferred to the 10 th December*, 1991]

Soil erosion

1487. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Statewise Central assistance provided during Sixth and Seventh Plan Period to check soil erosion;

(b) what is the Statewise provision made for the Eighth Plan; and

(c) what is the additional amount allocated for the States of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh for the Eighth Plan Period as ocmpared to the Seventh Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The information is given in the Statement attached (*See* below).

(b) The outlay of Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be decided by the Planning Commission.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the State/Union Territories	Allocation made during		
		Sixth plan	Seventh plan	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	258·40	781·58	1039·98
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	42·26	246·92	289·18
3.	Assam	62·85	319·45	382·30
4.	Bihar	825·79	1679·15	2504·94
5.	Gujarat	303·97	517·14	821·11
6.	Haryana	202·76	764·56	967·32
7.	Himachal Pradesh	939·74	1687·13	2626·87
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	44·13	145·80	189·93
9.	Karnataka	505·58	895·32	1400·90
10.	Kerala	235·83	432·88	668·71
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1905·68	3482·47	5388·15
12.	Maharashtra	346·80	648·05	994·85
13.	Manipur	..	450·84	450·84
14.	Meghalaya	..	347·81	347·81
15.	Mizoram	64·64	532·73	597·37
16.	Nagaland	..	688·45	688·45
17.	Orissa	500·64	1568·55	2069·19
18.	Punjab	..	967·43	967·43
19.	Rajasthan	855·02	3154·66	4009·68
20.	Sikkim	61·39	257·17	318·56
21.	Tamil Nadu	366·90	724·37	1091·27
22.	Tripura	39·11	436·51	475·62
23.	Uttar Pradesh	1521·30	4251·60	5772·90
24.	West Bengal	524·95	891·99	1416·64
25.	Goa	8·08	15·53	23·61
26.	A&N Island	4·15	24·24	29·39
27.	Chandigarh	56·00	0·25	56·25
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..	6·00	6·00
29.	Delhi	17·25	21·91	39·16
30.	Daman & Diu	..	..	..
31.	Lakshadweep	..	8·80	8·80
32.	Pondicherry	6·36	11·49	17·85
	Total:	9699·28	25960·78	35660·06